

**MINUTES OF THE
Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
June 2, 2004**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology met Monday, June 2, 2004 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Board meeting was called to order with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Albert R. De Chicchis, Ph.D., Chair
Kaye Williams Hill
Winn Hill, Vice Chair
Yvonne McNeil

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alan B. Whitehouse, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT

Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney
Jeff Clements, Staff Attorney
Brett Thompson, Legal Intern
Preston Martin, Legal Intern

CALL TO ORDER –Albert R. De Chicchis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion, K. Hill, seconded, W. Hill, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion were W. McNeil and De Chicchis. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Motion W. Hill, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to approve the minutes of the April 19th, 2004 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Tracy briefed the Board related to the attendance of Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney meeting with the Board at the Board's request. Due to the Board's previous discussion about the possibility of changing the expiration date of licenses, it was desired by the Board to consult with Legal Services to get some clarity on how the Board should proceed. Mr. Floyd was scheduled for this purpose. Ms. Tracy encouraged the Board to feel free to ask questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. DeChicchis read a letter forwarded to the Board by the Physical Therapy Board. The letter described an incident by a speech-language pathologist with a physician in which the physician was reported to have acted in a very unprofessional manner.

Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill, and motion carried to refer the letter to the Medical Composite Board of Examiners with a cover letter from the Board expressing concern over the reported behavior of the physician. Letter of acknowledgement and notification of the Board's action to be sent to the writer.

Kyle Floyd met with the Board to field questions about the Board's desire to change the expiration date of licenses to December 31st of even years to coincide with the continuing education cycle established by the Board. Licensees are very confused by the existing expiration dates for continuing education, December 31 of even years and licensure expiration of March 31st of odd years. In addition, there is a need expressed by the Board to provide a late renewal period for licensees to facilitate continued renewal for a designated time. Currently with expiration of the license, licensees must reinstate with no opportunity for a late renewal.

Mr. Floyd reported that he had consulted with Ms. Fleeman who suggested other options to the Board because of the current renewal volume for the month of December. Board to provide alternative options to Ms. Fleeman for her approval.

Dr. DeChicchis addressed the subject of intraoperative monitoring and whether this is in the scope of practice for audiologists as well as whether continuing education hours in this field meet current requirements. Dr. DeChicchis upon discussion with the Board and consultation with Janet Wray, Sr. Assistant Attorney General and Board Attorney, confirmed the Board's decision that intraoperative monitoring is within the scope of practice of audiologists and subsequently, continuing education hours are appropriate.

APPLICATIONS

Motion K. Hill, seconded W. Hill, and motion carried, to accept the recommendations on applications.

ASHA

Susan Brogan	Approved
Mary K. Giesbrecht	Approved
Annette Lint	Approved
Mark Little	Approved

Sandra Miller	Approved
Stephanie Prock	Approved
Dan Sherwood	Approved

EXAMS

Jennifer Alper	Approved	Kara Kenkel	Denied
Adrienne Bowman	Approved	Larhonda Kirkland	Approved
Jackie Butler	Approved	Lehta Koentghaus	Approved
Sara Chizick	Approved	Melissa Krol	Denied
Natalie Collier	Denied	Jenine Martin	Approved
Jill Collignon	Approved	Melissa Maxwell	Approved
Kimberly Collins	Approved	Holly McGahey	Pending
Kelly Corrigan	Approved	Kelli McMullen	Pending
Allison Crenshaw	Approved	Kristi Nesser	Approved
Jaclan Davidson	Approved	Laticia Peck	Approved
RaDora Dinnan	Approved	Adina Rothbard	Approved
Jennifer Drasher	Pending	Elizabeth Schwarz	Approved
Sharal Epling	Approved	Lori Smith	Denied
Meggin Funk	Approved	Lois Spencer	Approved
Benjie Harnage	Approved	Donna Spikes	Denied
Jessica Harrod	Approved	Pamela Strickland	Approved
Mallory Hart	Approved	Tanikea Thompson	Approved
Kimberly Helms	Approved	Allison Vittur	Approved
LaKeisha Hembrick	Approved	Laura Weiss	Pending
Jill Hollis	Approved	Mary Williams	Approved
Lindsey Jones	Pending	Dawn Zaffiro	Approved
Jade Kelly	Approved		

REINSTATEMENT

Pamela Gregg	Approved	Rochelle Schaffer	Approved
Janice Jackson	Denied	Rita Sotomayor	Approved
Sherri Little	Approved	Sylena Wiggins	Approved
Carolyn Patton	Pending		

ENDORSEMENT

Robert Bennett	Approved	Troy Hayward	Approved
Howard Calder	Approved	Susan Heller	Approved
Peggy Clark	Approved	Karen Patterson	Approved
Julie Gates	Approved	Raymonia Teasley	Approved
Amy Hall	Approved	Lisa Webb	Approved
Darla Hartzog	Approved		

REACTIVATE

Melissa Rowland	Denied
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COGNIZANT'S/INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

K. Hill reminded the Board of the August meeting with the Investigative Committee of a licensee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion McNeil, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Albert R. De Chicchis, Chair
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-
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